

H0-459
Patapsco State Park Ranger's Quarters
Elkridge
Private

Early to Mid
Twentieth Century

Facing south, the Ranger's Quarters is located high on a bluff on the west side of the Patapsco River within the Patapsco State Park.

It is a three bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame structure with two story high, shed roofed, kitchen addition on its north wall constructed over a dirt basement.

The last remaining structure on the Howard County side of the Patapsco State Park, it is an example of Howard County's vernacular architecture as evidenced in its simple, straight forward frame houses.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-459
District 1
MAFI # 1404595704

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Patapsco State Park Ranger's Quarters

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

River Road

6th

CITY, TOWN

Elkridge

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Howard County

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Patapsco State Park

Telephone #: 747-6602

STREET & NUMBER

State of Maryland, Department of Forests and Parks

CITY, TOWN

Elkridge,

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21227**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hall of Records

Tax Map 32, Liber #: 615
p. 3, Folio #: 522

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1977

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTIONHO-459
District 1

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Quarters are located in the Patapsco Valley State Park, 7/10 of a mile from the intersection of River Road and Gun Powder Road. It is on a high hill above the Patapsco River and has been used as living quarters for the Park Rangers of the Patapsco State Park.

It is a three bay wide, one room deep, two story high gabled roof (running east-west) ship-lap siding frame house with central, three light, rectangular entrance door facing south. Fenestration is vertically aligned, rectangular and generally characterized by one-over-one lights. The north elevation holds similar windows characterized by three-over-one lights. The east elevation holds no apertures, while the west holds a single first and second floor window similar to those described. A one story high, semi-enclosed, shed roofed porch runs along the entire south elevation.

Very early a two story high, one bay wide, one bay deep, shed roofed kitchen wing was added along the west bay of the north wall. See plan. In addition, a one story high shed roofed appendage extends one bay eastward from the east wall of the kitchen wing. It is placed on granite corner foundations which have been filled in with brick and stone.

PLAN

2 story 1
high story
2 story high
frame house

An earth floor basement lies under the kitchen wing with entrance on the west elevation.

The interior has been modernized to accommodate the occupants. The main body of the house holds one large living room with staircase running east-west along its north wall. A west rectangular entrance leading directly to this staircase has been blocked in. See photograph. West of the staircase is an interior entrance into the kitchen area, while upstairs are located three bedrooms, two in the main section, one above the kitchen.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This simple frame building is significant as an example of vernacular architecture indigenous to Howard County and as the last remaining structure within the Howard County area of the Patapsco State Park. Constructed of ship lap frame siding some fifty years ago by the Gisella Brown family, it stands on a steep hill overlooking the Patapsco River.

Presently occupied by one of the Patapsco State Park Rangers, it is to be vacated in February due to change of station. It is hoped that this building will continue to be occupied and used, assuring its continued preservation.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCESHO-459
District 1Interview with Ranger Wheeler at Patapsco
State Park, January 24, 1977

Howard County Land Records

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9.4995

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 32, p. 3

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONPlease see Howard County Records, Liber #: 615,
Folio #: 522**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**STATE MarylandCOUNTY Howard

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

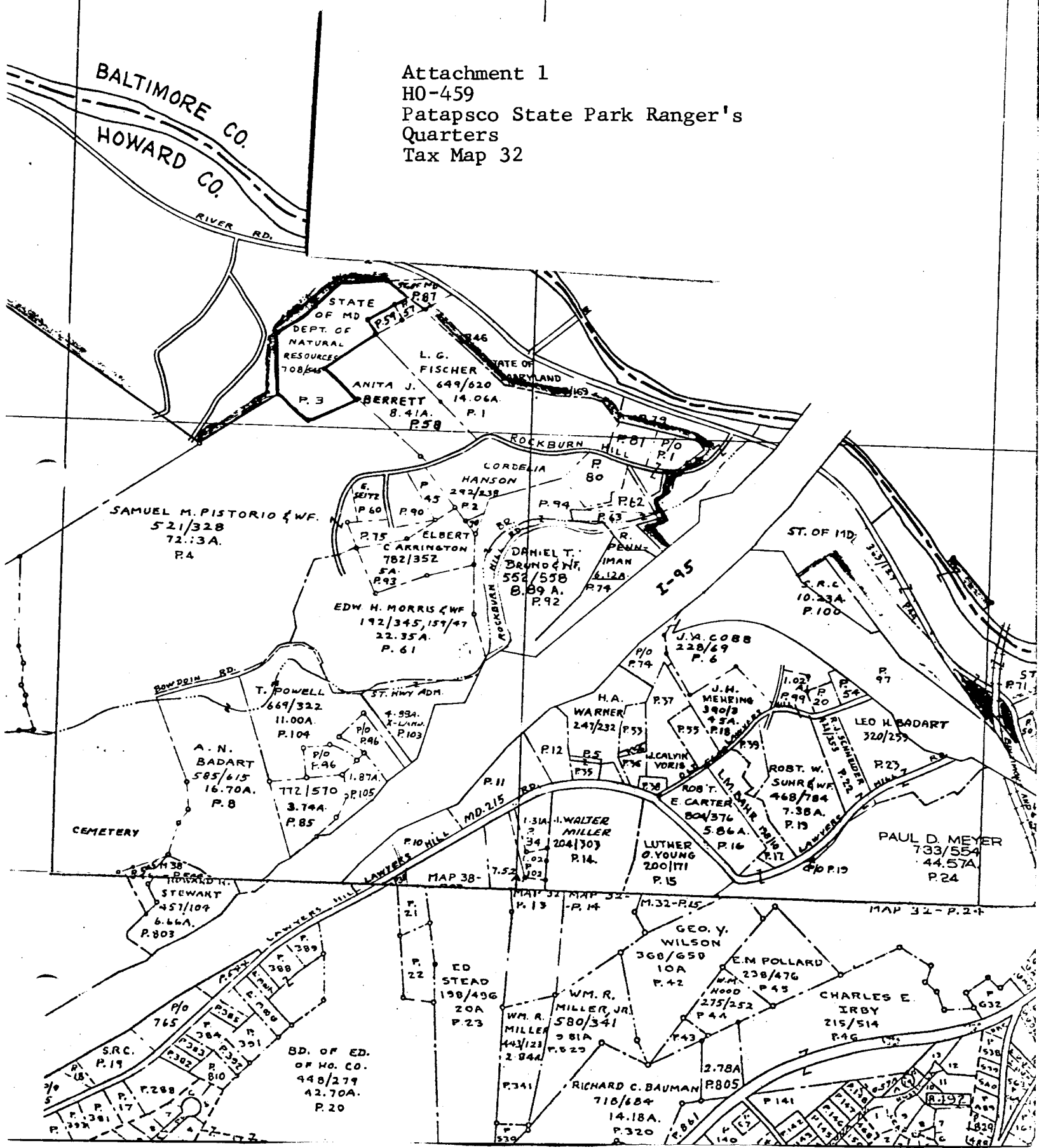
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Patapsco State Park Ranger's Quarters
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Relay, Maryland Quadrangle

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U.S. Geological Survey Map
Relay, Maryland Quadrangle



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PATAPSCO STATE PARK
RANGERS QUARTERS

SOUTH

CHEORA THOMPSON, AIP